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SUBJECT: NIGERIAN VIEWS ON THE CANARIES

REF: (A) LAGOS 7710 (NOTAL), (B) LAGOS 7226, (C) LAGOS 6343

1. FOR THE RECORD, WE WOULD REPORT THAT IN THE COURSE OF HIS MEETING ON UNGA ISSUES WITH DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY DALLEY (REF A), MEA INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION DIRECTOR SANU TOOK A DIFFERENT TACK ON THE CANARY ISLANDS ISSUE THAN WE HAVE HEARD BEFORE FROM THE NIGERIANS. IN RESPONSE TO DALLEY'S REMARKS ABOUT THE EXERCISE OF THE RIGHT OF SELF-DETERMINATION IN PUERTO RICO, SANU BY WAY OF MAKING AN ANALOGY SAID THAT THE SPANISH WOULD NOT HAVE A PROBLEM WITH THE CANAIES IF THEY WOULD ALLOW IT TO BE DEMONSTRATED TO AFRICAN COUNTRIES THAT THE PEOPLE OF THE CANARIES WERE EXERCISING THEIR RIGHT TO SELF-DETERMINATION AND WERE CONTENT WITH BEING A PART OF SPAIN.

2. COMMENT: WE DO NOT KNOW HOW WELL CONSIDERED SANU'S REMARKS WERE; HOWEVER, THEY ARE IN CONFIDENTIAL

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OBVIOUS CONTRAST TO GARBA'S STATEMENT IN REF. C THAT THE ISLANDS ARE GEOGREAPHICALLY PART OF AFRICA AND SHOULD THEREFORE BELONG TO AN AFRICAN COUNTRY.
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